

Guiding Questions for Country-Specific Work Groups

PORTUGAL

- What are the 2-3 most important topics to improve the governance structure?
 - a need for higher involvement of **small and medium-sized companies** into apprenticeships
 - **Tripatriate agreements** are necessary: state, enterprises, trade unions
 - A need to get **more involvement** of trade unions in the **decision and management processes of training**
- What are the prerequisites for achieving this?
 - Trade union involvement in SMEs.
 - To bring back the National Council for VET which was dissolved 2011 as discussion and decision making forum

What further steps have to be taken?

- Meeting with the ministry of Education and the ministry of Labour
- Participation in the round table meeting of the german-portuguese bilateral cooperation (04./05.12.2017 in Lisbon)
- The project unions4VET can support with the following steps:
 - Training for trade union leaders in order to raise awareness for the importance of getting involved and be more proactive in training
 - A meeting at tripartite level (conference, ...) with the support of the project to get more dynamic in the cooperation in VET